

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 27 February 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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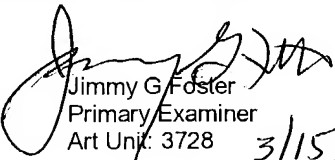
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald Jeffrey Boatwright on 15 March 2004.

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3. (Amended) An index card holding device which is attached to the surface of an object comprising:

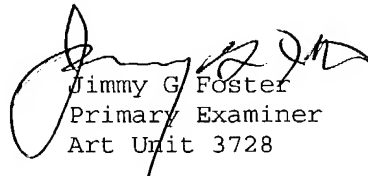
- (a) an inner flat plate piece slightly larger in area than card or cards to be held, and
- (b) two middle spacer pieces, and
- (c) two outer end cap pieces, and
- (d) pressure sensitive adhesive ~~for~~ connecting said flat plate piece to said object, and said middle spacer pieces to said flat plate piece, and said outer end cap pieces to said middle spacer pieces,
- (e) said outer end cap pieces and said inner flat plate piece adapted to secure said card or cards to said object so as to enable said card or cards to be removed and replaced conveniently,
- (f) wherein said flat plate piece, said middle spacer pieces, and said outer end cap pieces are composed of plastic or metal.

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COMMENTS

The changes herein were made to provide clarity to claim 3 and to provide positive recitation for the connecting function of the pressure sensitive adhesive.

The objection to the drawings made in the last Office action (mailed 11/28/2003) is hereby withdrawn. The drawings are no longer being objected to by the examiner.


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15 March 2004